

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning at line 24:

The brake drum for a wet-type band brake comprises an outer cylinder with a slide contact surface which is in a slide contact with the frictional member of the brake band and an inner cylinder serving as a bearing portion. The wet-type band brake is generally used for gear shift control and is usually required to have a sufficient braking performance. For this reason, in order to enhance the braking power at an initial stage of the frictional engagement, such a brake band is conventionally present which is provided with small grooves (annular grooves or helical grooves) substantially along the circumferential direction of the slide contact surface of the brake drum so as to increase a coefficient of friction thereof (see, e.g., Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 8-177903 (official gazette, p. 4, Fig. 2), and Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. ~~2000-238647~~11-51097 (official gazette, p. 2, Fig. 1)).